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SUBJECT: GNZ NAMES NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON

1. AT MARCH 15 PRESS CONFERENCE PRIME MINISTER MULDOON ANNOUNCED RECALL OF GNZ HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON HUGH WATT EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, AND NAMED FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DOUGLAS J. CARTER AS HIS SUCCESSOR. WATT, WHO PLACED HIMSELF IN MIDDLE OF NATIONWIDE CONTROVERSY BY REFUSING TO OFFER HIS RESIGNATION WHEN MULDOON WAS ELECTED, HAS ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF NEW ZEALAND'S ACCIDENT COMPENSATION BOARD.

2. CARTER, AGED 68, WAS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM 1957 UNTIL 1975 WHEN HE RETIRED FROM POLITICS. HE WAS NAMED MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN 1969 AND SERVED IN THAT POSITION UNTIL NATIONAL PARTY'S ELECTORAL DEFEAT IN 1972. HIS MINISTERIAL BACKGROUND SHOULD SERVE HIM WELL IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF MAINTAINING NEW ZEALAND'S ENTREE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN THE BRITISH MARKET. AN EARLY SUPPORTER OF MULDOON FOR THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP, CARTER IS ASSURED EASY ACCESS TO THE CABINET POLICY-MAKING PROCESS.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON CARTER IS BEING POUCHED TO LONDON.

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